

Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Propers of the Mass On December 28th, 2025

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

INTROIT (Wis. 18: 14-15; Ps. 92:1)

While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of the course, Thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. The Lord has reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. Glory be to the Father. While all ...

COLLECT

O Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who with Thee liveth and reigneth.

EPISTLE (GAL. 4: 1-7)

Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: So we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent his Son, made of a woman, made under the law: That he might redeem them who were under the law: that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son. And if a son, an heir also through God.

Gradual (Psalm 44: 3, 2)

Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my works to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself with might. Alleluia.

GOSPEL (LUKE 2: 33—40)

At that time Joseph and Mary were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; and thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser; she was far advanced in years, and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years; who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day.

Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord; and spoke of him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong, full of wisdom; and the grace of God was in him.



OFFERTORY (Ps. 92: 12)

God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from the old, Thou art from everlasting.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord.

Communion (Mt. 2: 20)

Take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

Postcommunion

By the working of this mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord.

ABOVE: Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, Ambrogio Lorenzetti, 1342, Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

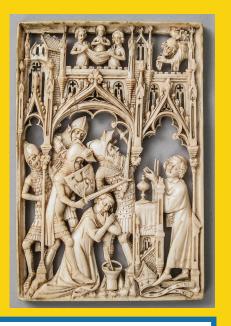
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAINT THOMAS BECKET 29TH DECEMBER - MASS AT 6.30 PM

Martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City. This is a British carving in elephant ivory, mid to late 14th century. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 to 1170, was at odds with King Henry II concerning the rights of the Church. He was killed in Canterbury Cathedral on 29th December 1170 by four knights of Henry's court.

At the top two angels are carrying his soul to heaven.



AFTER SUNDAY MASS IN THE PARISH HALL REFRESHMENTS AND OUR NEW PIETY SHOP

Please join us after Sunday Mass in the hall for refreshments and fellowship with our families. The new piety shop has various tasteful religious gifts on display and awaits your visit. There you can purchase medals, candles, rosaries, prayer cards and much more. All proceeds benefit exclusively the young community of our Sister Adorers in Preston.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Most recent update of December 22nd, 2025: Sue, Mary, Helen, Jacqui, Teresa, Gyöngyi, Hannah, Grace, Anna, Deborah, Zoe, Isabella, Sophie, Abigail, Sharon, Clarice, Doreen, Grace, Beverley, Alex, Bozena, Peggy, Jude, Helena, Edit, Ági, Magdi, Mónika, Peter, Stephen, Martin, Mick, Joe, Tom, Felix, Toby, Henry, John, Graham, Colin, Andrew, Ian, Fr Siegfried, Fr István, Mark, Simon, Jennifer, Simon, Janet, Michael, Rose, Anna, Jo, Fr Zoltán, Gareth, Attila, Fr Gábor, Évi, Mavis, Alison, Alice, Father Feri, Baby Peter, Siobhan, Nicholas, Baby Donny, Seb, Anita, Mike.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

Mon 29th December St. Thomas Becket

Thu 1st January Octave Day of the Nativity
Tue 6th January The Epiphany of Our Lord

MASS SCHEDULE AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 28th – 12:30 pm: Sunday Within The Octave Of Christmas

Monday, December 29th – 6:30 pm:

St. Thomas Becket

Thursday, January 1^{st} – 12:30 pm:

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY

DONATIONS WEEK 15.12.-21.12.2025

 COLLECTION SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st;
 £165.00

 BANK TRANSFERS:
 £120.00

 CASH DONATIONS/MASS STIPENDS:
 £ 00.00

 TOTAL
 £285.00

INCLUDED IN THESE DONATIONS ARE:

LITURGY FUND: £ 15.00
TOTAL LITURGY FUND December 21st: £443.77

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT. Institute of Christ the King

Shrewsbury Account Information:

Sort Code: **40-45-14** Account Number: **61855832**

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SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	Тіме	MASS OF THE DAY	Intention
Sun	28th Dec	12:30 pm	Sunday within the Octave of Christmas	Bartosz Nagielski
Mo	29th Dec	6:30 pm	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	Matthew & Marcus Connick
Tue	30th Dec	6:30 pm	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas	Will & Linping Connick
WED	31st Dec	10:00 am	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas Commemoration of St. Sylvester I	Robert Connick
Тни	1st Jan	12:30 pm	Octave-Day of the Nativity	GB Province of the Institute of Christ the King
Fri	2 nd Jan	10:00 am	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Rachel Connick
Sat	3 rd Jan	10:00 am	First Saturday Devotions The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Peter Connick
Sun	4 th Jan	12:30 pm	The Holy Name of Jesus	Arthur & I-Wen Connick

All Masses (also Adoration and Benediction on Tuesday and Thursday) are celebrated at St. Winefride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA.

Note: Adoration and Benediction on Tuesdays and Thursdays start at 5.30pm before the 6.30pm Mass.

